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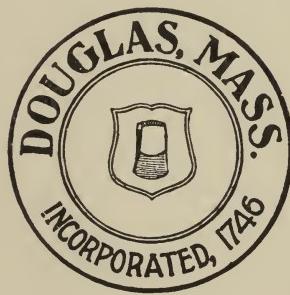
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Warrant for Town Meeting

Monday, March 15, 1915.

WORCESTER SS.

To any Constable of the Town of Douglas, in the County of Worcester.

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Douglas, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the town hall, East Douglas, in said Douglas, on Monday, the fifteenth day of March current, at 5.45 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

ARTICLE 1. To elect a moderator, a town clerk, a town treasurer, six constables, a tax collector, an agent of Devise of Moses Wallis, one highway commissioner, a tree warden, an auditor, all for the term of one year, also one selectman, one assessor, one overseer of the poor, one water commissioner, three members of the school committee, one trustee of the public library, one town cemetery commissioner, all for a term of three years, and to vote Yes or No on the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town the ensuing year ?"

ART. 2. To choose all other necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To hear the reports of the town officers and outstanding committees and act thereon.

ART. 4. To raise by tax and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for support of poor, for schools, for debts and interest, for salary of superintendent of schools, for maintaining street

lights, for highway and bridges, for exterminating brown tail and gypsy moths, for salaries of town officers, and for all other expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to locate and maintain an additional street light on Bowen's Court.

ART. 6. To see what compensation the town will pay each member of the Hose Company for their services the ensuing year.

ART. 7. To see what disposition the town will make of the dog fund.

ART. 8. To see if the town will vote to construct a street drain from near the residence of Mrs. E. A. Gove on Depot street to a drain in front of the hotel, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 9. To see of what number the acting superintending school committee shall consist, and what their compensation shall be.

ART. 10. To see if the town will vote to reduce the number composing its school committee from nine to six.

ART. 11. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of disabled soldiers and their families.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to oil the macadam roads, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 13. To see what salary the town will pay its tax collector the ensuing year.

ART. 14. To see what price the town will pay for teams and labor on the highways the ensuing year.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of revenue of the current year and to be paid therefrom.

ART. 16. To see what sums of money the town will raise and appropriate for constructing and repairing sidewalks, and under whose supervision it shall be expended.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to pay twenty-five dollars for repair of town clock, so called, to be paid from the contingent fund.

ART. 18. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the Simon Fairfield Public Library.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote the sum of one hundred dollars to Lambert B. Simmons Camp, 123, S. V., for defraying expenses for Memorial Day.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be used for the repair of stone roads, under supervision of the selectmen, or act or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the purchase of a new road machine.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to accept Sections 42, 43 and 45 of Chapter 49 of the Revised Laws, giving authority to assess one-half the cost of repairing sidewalks upon abutters.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars for watering the streets, the same to be assessed under Chap. 452 of Acts of 1908, upon the abutters on the streets watered.

ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars for setting out shade trees.

ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the cost of the well and equipment at the Poor Farm.

ART. 26. To see if the town will appropriate fifty dollars for the erection and maintaining of guide posts on the highway.

The polls may close at two o'clock.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Office in East Douglas, and at the Post Office in Douglas Center, ten days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this first day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

W. R. WALLIS,
W. E. SCHUSTER,
W. L. CHURCH,

Selectmen of Douglas.

Report of the Selectmen.

The Selectmen of Douglas respectfully submit their annual report for the year ending February 28, 1915.

Orders have been drawn on the Town Treasurer amounting to \$29,846.36, for the following purposes:

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation	\$1,700 00
Selectmen	\$100 00
Counsel and other expenses, two years	75 00
Treasurer	100 00
Water Commissioners	100 00
School Committee	50 00
Overseers of Poor	180 00
Assessors	349 31
Registrars	60 00
Tax Collector	230 00
" " bond	50 00
" " expenses	46 81
Town Clerk	108 85
" " expense	9 05
	—————
	\$1,459 02
Balance	\$240 98

Schools—Appropriation	\$8,575 00
Received from State ..	2,381 82
	—————
	\$10,956 82
Orders drawn (see school report) ..	10,685 66
	—————

Support of Poor—Appropriation.....	\$2,000 00	
Expended.....	2,496 97	
Overdrawn		\$496 97
Street Lighting—Appropriation.....	\$1,735 92	
Expended.....	1,735 92	
Highways—Appropriation.....	\$2,000 00	
Expended.....	2,206 65	
Overdrawn.....		\$206 65
Moth Suppression—Appropriation.....	\$150 00	
Expended.....	175 75	
Overdrawn.....		\$25 75
Soldiers' and Widows' Relief—Appropriation	\$150 00	
Expended	212 75	
Overdrawn.....		\$62 75
Sidewalks—Appropriation.....	\$500 00	
Expended, including curbing on Holbrook property.....	111 70	
Unexpended		\$388 30
Stone Road—Appropriation.....	\$500 00	
Expended	140 64	
Unexpended		\$359 36
Public Library—Appropriation	\$200 00	
Dog fund.....	200 59	
		\$400 59
Orders drawn	{ Bldg. repairs, roof \$347 08 Insurance 98 25 Dog fund 200 59 Appropriation... 100 00	
		745 92
Overdrawn.....		\$345 33

Hose Company—Appropriation	\$192 00
Expended.....	203 25
Overdrawn.....	<u>\$11 25</u>
Street Watering—Appropriation.....	\$350 00
Expended.....	364 00
Overdrawn.....	<u>\$14 00</u>
Debts and Interest—Appropriation	\$1,780 00
Paid.....	1,682 00
Balance	<u>\$98 00</u>
Memorial Day—Appropriation	\$100 00
Expended	108 00
Overdrawn	<u>\$8 00</u>
Fire Protection—Appropriation.....	\$36 44
Expended.....	36 44
Forest Fires—Appropriation.....	\$75 00
Expended	114 20
Overdrawn.....	<u>\$39 80</u>
Contingent.....	\$22,478 90
County tax.....	1,756 21
One-quarter license money to state.....	1,611 00
Payment of note, money borrowed in anticipation of taxes.....	1,000 25
	3,000 00
	<u>\$29,846 36</u>

CONTINGENT.

State aid.....	\$594 00
Election expenses.....	79 00
Printing	128 75
Auditor.....	49 35

Board of Health	\$220 52
Tax deeds	10 31
Vital statistics	24 50
License blanks	95
Tree warden	170 59
Cattle inspection	6 00
Meat inspection	26 15
Sealer of weights	7 76
Police department	79 75
Janitor, town and engine halls	36 00
Motor signs	7 70
Town hall	23 85
Painting fence	20 00
Care of cemetery	17 00
Mowing monument lot	3 00
Burial of indigent soldiers	75 50
Dog officer	10 00
Care of watering trough	5 00
Tax, Humphrey place	7 38
Crusher repairs, old bill contracted by W. E. Jones and M.M. Luther	113 00
Snow roads	40 15
	—————
	\$1,756 21

STATE AID.

James G. Adams	\$48 00
Mrs. Charles H. Barton	66 00
Horace C. Belding	48 00
Mrs. Ruth A. Bowdish	66 00
George M. Church	36 00
Mrs. William Cook	66 00
Charles E. Green	72 00
Mrs. William H. Marshall	48 00
Francis S. Steere	48 00
Chandler Titus	48 00
Charles A. Whipple	48 00
	—————
	\$594 00

W. R. WALLIS,
W. E. SCHUSTER,
W. L. CHURCH,

Selectmen of Douglas.

Treasurer's Report.

GILBERT W. ROWLEY, Treasurer.

	1914	CR.
April	2 Court money, J. B. Howard.....	\$11 83
	6 E.P.Heath,tax collector,tax abatements 1913	4 38
	Selectmen's orders, 1655 to 1661	1,690 70
May	1 Court money, J. B. Howard.....	22 85
	H. D. Mowry, poor "outside".....	42 00
	4 Selectmen's orders, 1662 to 1676.....	2,642 87
June	1 " " 1677 to 1684.....	2,347 01
	Court money, W. Manahan	6 46
	16 E.P.Heath,tax collector,tax abatements 1913	10 58
July	6 Selectmen's orders, 1685 to 1701	2,980 03
Aug.	3 " " 1702 to 1710	1,067 92
	H. D. Mowry, City of Cambridge	15 00
	24 " Temporary aid \$35 84	
	" Aiding mothers.... 60 01	
		95 85
Sept.	16 E. P. Heath, collector, taxes 1914, check returned from bank	15 00
Oct.	2 Court money, J. B. Howard.....	4 47
	3 " " E. P. Heath	4 64
	" " H. E Hughes.....	4 47
	5 Selectmen's orders, 1711 to 1732	4,066 08
	7 W. H. Herendeen, cemetery lot, S. E. Scott	6 00
Nov.	2 Selectmen's orders, 1733 to 1742	4,760 59
	Court money, E. P. Heath.... \$11 79	
	" " W. Manahan 27 80	
		39 59
	17 State tax (State Treasurer)....\$3,500 00	
	State highways, repairs 150 88	
		3,650 88

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30	H. D. Mowry, temporary aid..	\$188 31	
	Transportation of paupers	1 20	
	Aiding mothers	112 92	

Dec.			\$ 302 43
7	Selectmen's orders, 1743 to 1756	3,535 31	
29	H. D. Mowry, temporary aid, state	156 74	
31	Court money, H. E. Hughes....	\$19 86	
	" W. Manahan .. .	12 00	

			31 86
1915			
Jan.	4 Selectmen's orders, 1757 to 1769.....	2,326 42	
Feb.	1 " " 1770 to 1776	1,427 94	
2	Court money, J. B. Howard	\$5 22	
	" H. E. Hughes .. .	5 22	

			10 44
8	E. P. Heath, collector, inhabitants'		
	tax	\$26 65	
	abatements 1914... .	188 09	

			214 74
25	Selectmen's orders, 1777 to 1798... . . .	3,030 04	
27	H. D. Mowry, transportation of paupers.. .	1 20	
27	By cash on deposit February 27, 1915....	6,976 00	

			\$41,502 32

1914			DR.
March	1	Cash on hand.....	\$4,682 81
April	2	Interest, Worcester Trust Co	18 79
		District Court	24 36
	4	Keeper of jail and master of House of Cor- rection	20 00
	6	E. P. Heath, collector, 1913 taxes, No. 20	89 09
		F. Bowen, undertaker's license.	1 00
	23	Forest fires, 5-5-11, Henry Wright.....	8 40
	27	E. E. Young, undertaker's license	1 00
		Town of Canton, poor department.....	42 00
	30	Emil Rinfrette & Co., first class victualer's license	2,000 00
		A. Goodness, pool and billiards license...	20 00
		J. T. Derham & Co., innholder's license...	2,000 00
May	2	E. P. Heath, collector, 1913 taxes, No. 21	86 34
		" " " " No. 22	100 00
	4	Interest, Worcester Trust Co.	14 09
		Frank Smith, auctioneer's license...	2 00

	7	H. C. Holden, druggist's license.....	\$1 00
	11	W. H. Herendeen, auctioneer's license....	2 00
		Thomas Murphy, butcher's license.....	1 00
	15	I. Shor, junk license	20 00
	18	H. S. Hewett, peddler's license, state No. 89	8 00
	27	P. Ferris, peddler's license, state No. 234.	8 00
June	1	Interest, Worcester Trust Co	8 75
	11	Forest fires, Southern New England R. R. Corp	34 00
	16	E. P. Heath, collector, 1913 taxes, cash	\$27 96
		E. P. Heath, collector, 1913 taxes, abatements	10 58

			38 54
July	2	District court	22 58
		Interest, Worcester Trust Co.....	12 19
	6	E. P. Heath, auctioneer's license	2 00
	14	Moses Wallis Devise, Note No. 1 of July 9	3,000 00
	31	City of Cambridge, poor department, Ella Cushing	15 00
August	3	Interest, Worcester Trust Co..	4 71
	11	E. P. Heath, collector, 1914 taxes, No. 1.	900 00
	14	State—Temporary aid \$35 84 Compensation, inspector of animals.....	51 00
		Aid—Mothers with depen- dent children	60 01

			146 85
	15	E. P. Heath, collector 1914 taxes, No. 2..	676 00
	28	" " " " " No. 3..	1,000 00
Sept.	2	Interest, Worcester Trust Co.....	3 68
	8	E. P. Heath, collector, 1914 taxes, No. 4..	500 06
	16	" " " " " No. 5..	260 00
	24	" " " " " No. 6..	1,124 02
	26	State Board of Charity, tuition of children	154 00
	28	E. P. Heath, collector, 1914 taxes, No. 7..	643 00
Oct.	2	Interest, Worcester Trust Co	6 24
	2	Court money, Uxbridge	82 75
	3	E. P. Heath, collector, 1914 taxes, No. 8..	636 00
	8	W. Manahan, cemetery lot sold.	14 00
	9	Sarah E. Scott Fund, care of cemetery lot	6 00
	12	E. P. Heath, collector, 1914 taxes, No. 9	2,110 00
	16	" " " " " No. 10	9,047 00
	19	" " " " " No. 11	925 00
	26	" " " " " No. 12	820 00

	28	Nicola Essa, peddler's license, state No. 433	\$ 8 00
Nov.	2	Interest, Worcester Trust Co	9 27
		E. P. Heath, collector, 1914 taxes, No. 13.	700 00
	14	C. F. McLaren, state school Supt. Fund .	500 00
	17	State Treasurer—Corporation tax, public service	\$190 22
		Corporation tax, business .	2,228 03
		National bank tax	273 08
		State aid	518 00
		Temporary aid	188 31
		State Board of Charity— transportation of paupers	1 20
		Burial of indigent soldiers and sailors	50 00
		High school tuition, special cases	500 00
		Aiding mothers with depen- dent children	112 92
			—————
	25	E. P. Heath, collector, 1914 taxes, No. 14 .	4,061 76
Dec.	2	Interest, Worcester Trust Co	1,200 00
	7	E. P. Heath, collector, 1914 taxes, No. 15 .	21 32
		W. Manahan, election expenses, Sept. primaries.	700 00
	26	State Treasurer, temporary aid.	1 50
		S. B. Erickson, Humphrey deeds.	156 74
	28	E. P. Heath, collector, 1914 taxes, No. 16	17 25
			437 00
1915			
Jan.	2	Interest, Worcester Trust Co	32 59
		County treasurer, dog license refund. . . .	200 59
	7	J. D. Bousquet, peddler's license, state, No. 492,	8 00
	8	School tuition, town of Sutton	40 00
	20	State Board of Charity, transportation of paupers	1 20
	25	E. P. Heath, collector, 1914 taxes, No. 17	50 00
	28	State treasurer, state school fund.	1,178 82
Feb.	1	Interest, Worcester Trust Co	31 07
	8	E. P. Heath, collector, 1914 taxes, No. 18	576 65
		Boys' Club, rent of town hall.	3 00
		E. P. Heath, collector, 1914 taxes, No. 19	188 09
	22	Harold Jones, rent of town hall for Grange	3 00
	27	Interest, Worcester Trust Co.	25 22
			—————
			\$41,502 32

ASSETS.

Cash on hand February 27, 1915.....	\$6,976 00
Due from E. P. Heath, collector, 1914.	580 63
Due from state aid	594 00
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\$8,150 63

In trust, Henry Whiting Fund, Peoples Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot.....	\$128 28
In trust, Sarah E. Scott Fund, Peoples Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot.....	\$59 76
In trust, Ezra Aldrich Fund, Peoples Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot.....	\$104 04

GILBERT W. ROWLEY,

Town Treasurer.

Office of WILLIAM FRANKLIN HALL, C. P. A.,

Exchange Building, Boston, Mass., February 27, 1915.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Town of Douglas, Mass.

GENTLEMEN:

I have examined the books and accounts of the Town Treasurer, agent of Devise of Moses Wallis, Tax Collector, and Overseer of Poor, for the year ending February 27, 1915, and find them to be in good condition, and all funds fully accounted for. The taxes are closely collected as usual, and fully accounted for to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer's cash was verified and found to be as follows:

On deposit in Worcester Trust Co., as per statement February 27, 1915.....	\$9,311 77
Add deposit of February 27, 1915.....	149 28
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	\$9,461 05

Less checks outstanding.	2,485 05
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Total cash on deposit February 27, 1915.....	\$6,976 00
which agrees with balance required by the general cash book.	

DOUGLAS WATER DEPARTMENT.

Cash balance on hand March 1, 1914.....	\$2,374 29
Cash receipts to February 27, 1915.....	2,360 27
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	\$4,734 56
Cash paid out to February 27, 1915.....	3,348 66
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Balance on hand February 27, 1915.....	\$1,385 90
On deposit in Old Colony Trust Co., Boston	\$860 50
" " " Uxbridge Savings Bank.....	525 40
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Total cash on hand	\$1,385 90

Respectfully submitted,

WM. FRANKLIN HALL, C. P. A.

Per A. T. Byrnes.

Report of the Water Commissioners.

For the Year Ending March 1, 1915.

Seven house connections have been added the past year, the total now being 181, but owing to many houses being without tenants, water has been shut off from about twenty the greater part of the year, consequently reducing the income quite a sum.

The first payment of the water bonds was made July 1, 1914, Nos. 1 and 2, of \$1,000 each, were paid from the income of the plant, Nos. 3 and 4, amounting to \$2,000 are due this July 1st, and there will be nearly enough funds from the income to pay them.

Following is the detailed report of the year's operations :-

RECEIPTS FROM HOUSE CONNECTIONS.

1914

May 8	To received for making house connections	\$11 05
June 28	" " "	43 32
Aug. 21	" " "	11 00
Nov. 9	" " "	18 92
1915		
Feb. 27	" " "	66 78
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		\$151 07
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LABOR AND SUPPLIES IN MAKING HOUSE
CONNECTIONS.

1914

April	18	By paid Louis Gothie, labor	\$3 80
		Walter Lemay, "	2 00
May	7	W. R. Wallis, pipe, etc.,	6 65
	8	Nelson Roberts, labor.....	14 40
		Alfred Tranque, "	10 80
	13	Walworth Mfg. Co., stop and wastes	22 30
	15	" " " "	1 53
	29	Horace Pankin, labor	7 20
June	20	" " "	3 80
July	24	Louis Faloney, "	7 25
		Jerry Casey, "	2 60
		Nelson Roberts "	3 40
Aug.	11	Horace Pankin, "	3 00
		Louis Matt, "	2 80
Oct.	2	Nelson Roberts, "	11 00
		Joseph Matt, "	10 20
		W. E. Correll, "	13 00
Nov.	8	" " "	8 00
		Alfred Tranque, "	7 20
		Walworth Mfg. Co., stop and wastes	21 53

1915

Jan.	11	Chas. Raguso, labor	6 40
		Frank Catanyaritte, "	6 20
	28	Phillip Bruley, teaming.....	2 25
		J. W. Wixtead, supplies	7 97

\$185 28

OPERATING RECEIPTS.

1914

May	8	To received for water service . . .	\$239 50
	10	" " " . . .	92 50
June	11	" " " . . .	50 50
	28	" " " . . .	24 50
July	17	" " " . . .	274 50
Aug.	24	" " " . . .	80 00
	28	" " " . . .	38 00
Oct.	19	" " " . . .	247 95
Nov.	9	" " " . . .	110 43

1915					
Jan.	4	To Rec'd for water service...	\$50	00	
	28	" " "	571	63	
Feb.	8	" " "	176	06	
	27	" " "	126	89	
		Sprinkler service	73	76	
		Cash income			\$2,156 22
		To 53 town hydrants valued at.....			\$1,500 00
		Water for sprinkling the streets valued at.			100 00
		Water for watering trough, library and bubbling fountain, valued at.....			100 00

OPERATING EXPENSES.

By paid E. R. Correll, Supt.....					\$624 00
Worcester Sub. Electric Co., power for Feb ...					45 50
" " " " Mar ...					46 20
" " " " Apr ...					43 80
" " " " May . .					40 90
" " " " June ...					42 70
" " " " July ...					41 90
" " " " Aug....					40 50
" " " " Sept... .					45 30
" " " " Oct.... .					35 70
" " " " Nov.... .					36 50
" " " " Dec... . .					39 90
" " " " Jan. . . .					41 30
" " " " lighting.....					12 00
National Meter Co., repair parts					16 90
Braman, Dow & Co., pump packing.....					7 48
Geo. F. Searles & Sons, repairs.....					2 80
					\$1,163 38

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

To received interest on bank deposits					\$52 98

MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS.

By paying Water Bonds, Nos. 1 and 2.					\$2,000 00

RECAPITULATION.

Dr.

1914				
March 1	To cash balance in treasury.	\$2,374	29	
1915				
Feb. 27	To received for making house connections.	\$151	07	
	To received for water service	2,156	22	
	Miscellaneous receipts	52	98	
		—————	—————	\$2,360 27
				—————
				\$4,734 56
				—————

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By paid for labor and supplies for house con-				
nnections.	\$185	28		
Operating expenses	1,163	38	—————	\$1,348 66
Water bonds, Nos. 1 and 2	2,000	00		
1915				
Feb. 27	By cash in treasury.	1,385	90	—————
				\$4,734 56
				—————

Following is the water service given without cash return:

Town hydrant system, valued at.	\$1,590	00		
Water for sprinkling streets.	100	00		
Water for watering trough, library and bubbling fountain, valued at.	100	00	—————	\$1,790 00
				—————

WILLIE R. WALLIS,
CHARLES J. BATCHELLER,
HERBERT N. LOUGEY,

Water Commissioners.

Report of Treasurer

DOUGLAS WATER WORKS.

			DR.
1914			
March 1	Cash on hand .....	.....	\$2,374 29
May 8	C. J. Batcheller, commissioner .....	.....	361 49
June 11	" " .....	.....	50 50
30	" " .....	.....	67 82
July 16	" " .....	.....	292 94
August 21	" " .....	.....	91 00
28	" " .....	.....	38 00
Oct. 20	" " .....	.....	266 39
Nov. 9	" " .....	.....	129 35
1915			
Jan. 5	" "	50 00
28	" "	590 07
Feb. 8	" "	176 06
27	" "	193 67
Interest for year.....			52 98
			<hr/> \$4,734 56

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April	Water Commissioner's orders, 302 to 307...	\$164	40
May	" " " 308 to 315...	115	16
June	" " " 316, 317, 327	2,045	70
July	" " " 318 to 322...	251	75
August	" " " 323 to 326...	96	70
Sept.	" " " 328, 329....	89	50
Oct.	" " " 330 to 333...	80	50
Nov.	" " " 334 to 338...	108	60
Dec.	" " " 339 to 341...	146	33

1915

Jan.	" " " 342 to 346...	103	75
Feb.	" " " 347 to 350...	146	27
By cash March 1, 1915, in hands of Treasurer			
and in bank.....		1,385	90

			\$4,734 56

GILBERT W. ROWLEY, *Treasurer.*

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

1914.

BIRTHS,

Whole number	31
Number of males.....	16
Number of females.....	15
—	31
American parentage	12
Foreign parentage	14
Mixed.....	5
—	31

MARRIAGES.

Whole number	27
American birth	22
Foreign birth	32
Residents of Douglas.....	40
Elsewhere	14
First marriage.....	49
Second marriage.....	4
Third marriage.....	1

DEATHS.

Whole number	42
Males	21
Females	21
—	42

American birth.....	19
Foreign birth	17
Unknown.....	6
	— 42
Number under 1 year.....	5
Between 1 and 5 years.....	2
" 5 and 10 years.	1
" 10 and 20 years	2
" 20 and 30 years.....	5
" 30 and 40 years	5
" 40 and 50 years.....	3
" 50 and 60 years.....	0
" 60 and 70 years.....	6
" 70 and 80 years.....	6
" 80 and 90 years.....	6
" 90 and 100 years.....	1

DOGS REGISTERED.

Whole number	113
Males, 105 at \$2.00.....	\$210 00
Females, 8 at 5.00.....	40 00
	—————
	\$250 00
Less fees, 113 at 20 cts.....	22 60
	—————
Paid to County Treasurer.....	\$227 40

J. B. CHAPDELAINE Jr.,

Town Clerk

REPORT OF TREASURER

Simon Fairfield Public Library.

1914

DR.

March 1 Unexpended balances as follows :—

Income Smith fund.....	\$232 36
Income Fairfield fund.....	12 92
	—————
	\$245 28

Income for year as follows :—

Dog fund.....	\$200 59
Town appropriation.....	200 00
Income Keith fund.....	8 08
Income Fairfield fund.....	175 00
Income Smith fund.....	240 00
Received for fines.....	15 85
	—————
	839 52
	—————
	\$1,084 80

1914-15

CR.

Paid Vera H. Warner, librarian.....	\$196 00
Rosalie E. Williams, assistant librarian.	15 00
Mrs. F. J. Libby, " " .	10 00
Mrs. Martha Belding, " " .	100 00
Herbert E. Hughes, janitor	72 00
Worcester Sub. Electric Co., lighting.....	36 29
Newspapers.....	21 00
Magazines	33 30
Frank E. Jones, coal.....	112 50
Books, freight, cartage and express.....	72 96
Removing ashes	2 00
Electric light bulbs.....	5 05
Annual Sub. to Readers' Guide, 1915..	6 00
Library cards.....	3 12
Disinfecting library.....	1 25
Supplies.....	3 35
	—————
	\$689 82

1915

March 1 Unexpended balances as follows:—

Town appropriation	\$100 00
Smith fund.....	278 21
Fairfield fund.....	8 69
Keith fund.....	8 08
	—————
	394 98
	—————
	\$1,084 80

ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

Mrs. Royal Keith fund.....	\$200 00
James M. Fairfield fund	5,000 00
James Smith fund.....	6,000 00
	————— \$11,200 00

CHARLES J. BATCHELLER, *Treasurer.*

Annual Report of the OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

From March 1, 1914 to March 1, 1915.

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Douglas :

GENTLEMEN:—The report of the Overseers of the Poor from March 1, 1914 to March 1, 1915, is herewith submitted.

A. S. POTTER, Supt. of Almshouse.

Personal property at almshouse as per inventory :

March 1, 1914.....	\$2,569 66
March 1, 1915..	2,656 23
	<hr/> \$86 57

We have made the superintendent debtor to what he has received for labor, produce, etc., and credited him with what he has paid out as follows :

DR.

Cash on hand March 1, 1914.....	\$12 04
Vinegar	2 05
Butter and eggs....	483 60
Board	38 00
Vegetables	4 32
Fire money.....	9 85
Team work.....	99 00
Veal, pork and chickens.....	136 03
Cash from Overseers of the Poor	402 65
	<hr/> \$1,187 54

CR.

Grain and groceries	\$558 95
Meat and fish	190 85
Labor	281 52
Medicines	11 15
Clothing	4 00
Blacksmithing and repairs.....	28 50
Supplies.....	14 13
Pigs	16 00
Miscellaneous.....	20 99
	—————
	\$1,126 09
March 1, 1915	61 45
	—————
	\$1,187 54

The Overseers have paid the following bills in the almshouse account:

A. S. Potter, Supt. to March 1, 1915 ..	\$400 00
Dr. Clark	94 50
One extension table.....	5 00
Groceries, meat and grain.....	447 15
J. T. Derham, 6 barrels	6 00
Fertilizer	57 00
Almshouse cash	402 65
	—————
	\$1,412 30

SUMMARY.

Superintendent has paid for supplies as per this report.....	\$1,126 09
Overseers have paid as per this report	1,412 30
	—————
	\$2,538 39
Superintendent, for labor, produce and board.....	\$1,187 54
Increase as per inventory	86 57
	—————
	\$1,274 11

COST OF POOR AT ALMSHOUSE THIS YEAR.

Cost per week	\$3 31
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Inmates at almshouse March 1, 1915.

	AGE	WEEKS	DAYS	
1	86	52	1	
2	94	52	1	
3	40	52	1	
4	64	52	1	
5	58	52	1	
6	59	52	1	
7	63	52	1	
8	32	11	5	
		<hr/> 376	<hr/> 5	Total

OUTSIDE POOR.

No.	1	\$48 00
	2	53 75
	3	33 00
	4	102 00
	5	20 00
	6	21 43
	7	18 25
	8	68 00
	9	31 37
	10	15 00
	11	57 14
	12	44 67
	13	20 63
	14	10 00
	15	8 57
		<hr/> \$551 81

LOCK-UP ACCOUNT.

Expense	\$36 81
Miscellaneous	62 16

AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR SUPPORT OF POOR

Town of Canton	\$18 00
“ “ Athol	55 31
“ “ Groton	133 25
City of Cambridge	15 00
“ “ Worcester	50 00

State	\$795 05
Almshouse	1,412 30
Repairs	28 65

CASH RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES.

Cash on hand	\$81 22
Received from Town Treasurer.....	2,483 00
Town of Canton.....	42 00
City of Cambridge.....	15 00
State of Mass.....	536 24
" " Overpayment.....	17 58
" " Transportation	4 40

\$3,179 44

TOTAL CASH PAYMENTS OF ALL ITEMS.

Outside poor as per list	\$551 81
Town of Canton	18 00
City of Cambridge	15 00
City of Worcester.....	50 00
Town of Athol	55 31
Town of Groton	133 25
State of Massachusetts	795 05
Almshouse	1,412 30
Repairs at almshouse	28 65
Lock-up	36 81
Miscellaneous account	62 16

\$3,158 34

Cash on hand	21 10
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\$3,179 44

STATEMENT OF AMOUNT DUE.

From State	\$500 75
Town of Groton	133 25
Town of Athol	55 31
City of Worcester	50 00

\$739 31

The Overseers have received for their services :

Henry D. Mowry	\$100 00
Paul D. Manning	25 00
Orlan F. Chase	25 00

HENRY D. MOWRY,
PAUL D. MANNING,
ORLAN F. CHASE,

Overseers of Poor.

Annual Report of WILLIE R. WALLIS, Agent
ON THE
DEVISE OF MOSES WALLIS
To the Town of Douglas

For the Year Ending March 1, 1915.

The agent charges himself with amounts due the town March 1, 1914, as follows :

Notes due the town.....	\$2,325 00
Accrued interest.....	54 61
Deposited Rhode Island Hospital Trust	
Co. and interest	37,831 29
Cash in hands of agent.....	22 90
	————— \$40,233 80

1914

March 1	Cash in hands of agent.....	\$22 90
April 30	Interest, R. I. H. Trust Co...	223 70
May 29	Frank Duval.....	25 50
July 9	R. I. H. Trust Co.....	3,000 00
August 8	Wm. H. Evans.....	24 00
Oct. 31	Interest, R. I. H. Trust Co...	730 88
Nov. 2	Town of Douglas...	3,040 00
Dec. 12	John C. F. Bates	6 00
26	Ordeal Casey.....	30 00

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Jan. 16	David Lunn	\$30 00
Feb. 17	Est. R. H. Baton.....	105 76
27	Interest, R. I. H. Trust Co....	533 74
		————— \$7,772 48

Agent has paid out as follows :

1914

April 30	Int. Dep. R. I. H. Trust Co..	223 70
July 9	Loaned Town of Douglas....	3,000 00
Oct. 31	Int. Dep. R. I. H. Trust Co ..	730 88
Nov. 2	Dep. R. I. H. Trust Co.... .	3,112 40

1915

Feb. 27	Agent, care Devise.....	75 00
	Dep. R. I. H. Trust Co.....	96 76
	Int. Dep. R. I. H. Trust Co..	533 74
		————— \$7,772 48

NOTES DUE THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1915.

Maker of Note	Paid by	Principal	Interest
Salina Casey	Ordeal Casey	\$500 00	\$3 30
Potter M. Bates	John C. F. Bates	100 00	2 25
Frank Duval		125 00	7 50
Frank Duval		300 00	18 00
David and Amos Lunn	David Lunn	500 00	10 33
Edward M. Southwick	Wm. H. Evans	400 00	12 78
John Vallier	Agnes Govin	300 00	18 45
		—————	—————
		\$2,225 00	\$72 61

RECAPITULATION.

Cash in hands of agent	\$22 90
Cash received during year	3,261 26
Interest received, R. I. H. Trust Co.....	1,488 32
	————— \$4,772 48

Cash paid out during year :

Deposited R. I. H. Trust Co.....	\$3,209 16
Interest deposited R. I. H. Trust Co....	1,488 32
Care of Devise	75 00
Cash in hands of agent.....	0
	—————
	4,772 48

Notes due the town	\$2,225	00
Accrued interest on notes	72	61
Deposits R. I. H. Trust Co. and interest to date	\$39,528	77
Cash in hands of agent	0	
	—————	
		\$41,826 38
Value of Devise March 1, 1914	40,233	80
Net gain for the year		—————
		\$1,592 58

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIE R. WALLIS, *Agent.*

The foregoing accounts have been examined and found to be correct, and the assets are fully accounted for by the notes and cash balances.

A. T. BYRNES, *Auditor.*

February 28, 1915.

Report of Tax Collector.

For 1914.

Douglas, Mass., March 1st, 1915.

The Assessors of Douglas for the year 1914 committed to me on the 1st day of August 1914, the Collector's book with warrant to collect and pay over to the Treasurer of said Town of Douglas the sum of . . . \$23,032 45

On Sept. 16th, Dec. 1914 and Feb. 24th, 1915, special assessments	45 17
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Total	\$23,077 62

I have collected and paid over to the Treasurer of said town, in cash and abatements, the sum of	\$22,492 82
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Balance	\$584 80

March 1st, 1915, cash on hand	446 07
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Leaving balance uncollected of.....	\$138 73
Interest collected to March 1st, 1915.	13 61

By vote of the town March, 1902, the names of all delinquent tax payers are to be printed each year in the town report, and are as follows :

LIST OF DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS.

Moses H. Balcom.....	\$ 3 23	Arthur C. Snow	\$2 00
Fred L. Bruno.....	2 00	Wm. Williamson	18 04
Heirs Peter Germain....	3 28	John Wauska	2 41
Lucien Hudgins.....	2 00	Adelbert Ward.....	3 07
Albert Hudgins.....	2 00	Belle Turner.....	11 15
Thos. Howard.....	4 46	Edgar S. Hill.....	7 38
Frank Jacino.....	2 82	Frank B. Clark.....	31 16
Chas. La Plant	2 00	Ernest Perigal.....	1 23
Walter Paine.....	3 07	Frank Donaldson	4 92
Michael Rizzutti.....	11 43	Mrs. Etta Phillips.....	11 48
Philip Revord.....	2 00	Joseph P. Love..	4 10
Heirs Zilpha Rawson ..	1 15	Heirs Willis Sherman..	10 66
		John C. F. Bates	2 87
		Jerry Casey.....	2 00

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. HEATH, *Collector.*

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

For the Year 1914.



I have the honor to submit to the Town of Douglas the following as the report of work done in spraying and pruning the town trees.

PLACING SIGNS ON TREES.

W. E. Carpenter, 1½ days, 3 hrs.....	\$4 50
team 1½ days.....	2 25

SUPPLIES.

W. R. Wallis—50 sign boards.....	2 00
tacks and nails.....	19
	\$8 94

SPRAYING.

W. E. Carpenter, 17 days, 1 hr. at	\$2 50
team 17 days, 1 hr. at	1 25
	\$64 17
L. Matt, 16 days, 1 hr. at \$2 50.....	40 28
F. Trinque, 16 days, 1 hr. at 1 80.	29 00

SUPPLIES.

W. R. Wallis, 500 lbs. lead	\$29 30
stopcock.....	40
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	\$163 15

CONTRA.

Private work	\$32 00
200 lbs. lead on hand.....	11 72
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Total cost.....	\$119 43

PRUNING.

W. E. Carpenter, 12 days.....	\$30 00
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W. E. CARPENTER, *Tree Warden.*

REPORT OF
Road Commissioner.

Frank Revard, 23 loads gravel	\$ 1 15
W. H. Parker, 187 loads gravel.....	9 35
W. H. Parker, 972 ft. plank.....	24 30
Louis Matte, 16 hours	3 20
Good Roads Machinery Co., 2 sets of section for Scraper.....	16 00
Freight on same.....	38
W. R. Wallis, 1531 ft. Chestnut	42 18
53 lbs. Spikes.....	1 32
4 Pick handles.....	80
309 ft. Chestnut timber	7 73
16 Sleepers	48 00
1 Bag Cement.....	50
22 ft. Oak and Maple	88
1 Ash pole	1 00
2 Bush Scythes	1 50
2 Bush Snathes.....	1 80
1 Sledge Handle.....	15
Henry Jarvis, 1 horse, 17 hours	2 12
Harley Barton, 8 hours.....	1 60
Charles McKay, sharpening pick and bars ; repairing scraper and chain.....	10 25
Frank Amadon, 5 loads gravel.....	25
Alfred Parker, 178 hours.....	35 60
2 horses on cart, 138 hours.....	41 40
2 horses on scraper, 40 hours	15 00
Robert Lunn, 245 hours.....	49 00
Louis Signet, 52 loads gravel.....	2 60
Nelson Place, 58 hours.....	11 60
1 horse, 42 hours.....	5 25

B. R. Thompson, 67 hours	\$13 40
C. Lunn, 29 hours	5 80
A. S. Hall, 37 loads gravel	1 85
Edgar Parker, 61 loads gravel	3 05
Henry Chase, 13 hours	2 60
Myron Chase, 29 loads gravel	1 45
George Adam, 17 loads gravel	85
George Chandler, 40 hours	8 00
Albert Frank, 8 hours	1 60
Charles Maynard, 64 hours	12 80
44 loads gravel	2 20
Walter Thompson, 18 loads gravel	90
William Buxton, 676½ hours	135 30
Palmer Converse, 202 hours	40 40
2 horses on cart, 17 hours	5 10
1 horse on cart, 182 hours	22 75
2 horses on scraper, 4 hours	1 50
Arthur Morse, 31 hours	6 20
Frank Francis, 122 hours	24 40
D. Dunleavy, 145 hours	29 00
2 horses on scraper, 74 hours	27 75
2 horses on cart, 71 hours	21 30
Stephen Copp, repairing scraper	75
D. Dudley, repairing scraper ; sharpening picks ; iron bars,	5 75
Frank Revard, 435 hours	87 10
A. B. Simmons, 246 hours	49 20
Charles Stevens, 215½ hours	43 10
Henry Jarvis, 1035½ hours	310 65
1 horse, 239 hours	29 88
2 horses on cart, 675 hours	202 65
2 horses on scraper, 252 hours	94 50
L. Titus, 97 hours	19 40
Mitchell Foster, 38 hours	7 60
Fred Berry, 197 hours	39 40
Nelson Roberts, 46 hours	9 20
Joe Matte, 414 hours	82 80
Louis Falloni, 947 hours	189 40
John Falloni, 427½ hours	85 50
Edward Lafleur, 122 hours	24 40
2 horses on scraper, 122 hours	45 75
F. J. Kenyon, 183 hours	36 60
2 horses on cart, 139 hours	41 70
1 horse on cart, 44 hours	5 50
Roy Kenyon, 150 hours	30 00

Gordon Kenyon, 13 hours	\$2 60
Phil Snow, 32 hours.....	6 40
Mr. Stowe, 87 hours	17 40
Fred Dupont, 24 hours	4 80
2 horses on cart, 24 hours.....	7 20
	—————
	\$2182 34

REPAIRING STONE ROAD.

Palmer Converse, 45½ hours.....	\$ 9 10
1 horse, 21 hours	2 62
Peter Casey, 35½ hours	7 10
Albert Houghins, 27½ hours	5 50
Louis Falloni, 84½ hours	16 90
Henry Jarvis, 37 hours.....	11 10
2 horses on cart, 94 hours.....	28 20
95 loads sand	9 50
1 horse, 5 hours	62
William Buxton, 94 hours.....	18 80
Nelson Roberts, 11 hours	2 20
Alfred Parker, 24 hours.....	4 80
2 horses on cart, 24 hours.....	7 20
Frank Revard, 8 hours	1 60
Robert Lunn, 8 hours.....	1 60
Lyman Arnold, 7 hours	1 40
W. R. Wallis, 62 ft., 8in., tile pipe	12 40
	—————
	\$ 140 64

ROAD SUPPLIES.

1 Pick	50
1 Round point pick	60
1 Mattock	50
6 Contractor's shovels	5 40
2 Iron bars	1 80
1 Keg 6in. spikes	2 50
395 ft., 3in. plank	11 06
3ft., 18in. tile pipe	1 95
	—————
	\$ 24 31

HENRY JARVIS,

Road Commissioner

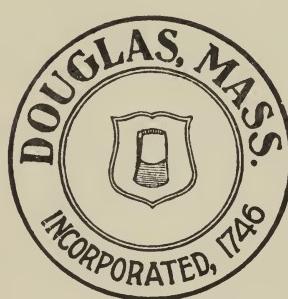
ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

and Superintendent of Schools

OF THE
TOWN OF DOUGLAS

FOR THE

Year Ending March 1, 1915



WHITINSVILLE, MASS.:
PRESS OF EAGLE PRINTING CO.
1915.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

MRS. W. E. SCHUSTER	Term expires March 1,	1915
W. L. CHURCH	" " "	1, 1915
ERWIN E. CARPENTER	" " "	1, 1915
WILLIE MANAHAN	" " "	1, 1916
CHARLES J. BATCHELLER ...	" " "	1, 1916
HENRY KENDALL	" " "	1, 1916
FRANK E. JONES	" " "	1, 1917
WALTER PARKER	" " "	1, 1917
CORNELIUS F. McLAREN	" " "	1, 1917

SUPERINTENDING COMMITTEE

MRS. W. E. SCHUSTER

C. F. McLAREN

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

CHARLES M. PENNELL, A. M.

PURCHASING AGENT

CHARLES J. BATCHELLER

TRUANT OFFICERS

ALEX R. JOHNSON

CHARLES M. PENNELL

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1914-15

FALL TERM

All schools opened September 8, 1914, and closed December 18, 1914, 15 weeks.

WINTER TERM

High School and Douglas Center schools opened December 28. All other schools opened January 4, 1915. High and Grammar schools close March 26, 1915. 13 and 12 weeks respectively. All others close March 19, 1915. 11 weeks.

SPRING TERM RECOMMENDED

All schools begin April 5, 1915. High School closes June 25, 1915, 12 weeks. Grammar schools close June 18, 1915, 11 weeks. All other schools close June 11, 1915, 10 weeks.

“NO SCHOOL” SIGNAL

Three blasts of the whistle at 7.45 A. M. indicate “no school” for the morning session.

Three blasts of the whistle at 11.45 A. M. indicate “no school” for the afternoon session.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Total amount appropriated by Town	\$8,575 00
Total amount received from State	2,332 82
Received from Town of Sutton for tuition	49 00
 Total receipts	 <hr/>
	\$10,956 82
Total amount expended from March 1, 1914 to February 28, 1915	\$10,683 51
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Unexpended balance	\$273 31
 GENERAL EXPENSES.	
School committee expenses	\$34 77
Superintendent's salary	680 04
Expenses for superintendence and enforce- ment of the law	29 97
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	\$744 78

EXPENSES OF INSTRUCTION.

*Night school teachers' salaries	\$120 00
Other expenses including supplies, text books	28 25
High School Principal's salary	915 00
High School teacher's salary	594 33
Elementary school teachers' salaries	4,760 17
Text books for High School	102 39
Text books for elementary schools	158 05
Stationery, supplies and miscellaneous ex- penses for High School	21 57
For elementary schools	287 58
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	\$6,987 34

EXPENSES OF OPERATING SCHOOL PLANTS.

Wages of janitors, &c., High School	\$37 44
Wages of janitors, &c., elementary schools	722 69
Fuel, High School	46 44
Fuel, elementary schools	843 18
Miscellaneous expenses, High School	32 22
Miscellaneous expenses, elementary schools	232 43
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	\$1,914 40

MAINTENANCE

Repairs, &c., High School	\$2 81	
Repairs, &c., elementary schools	357 08	
	—————	
		\$359 89

AUXILIARY AGENCIES.

Health	\$53 00	
Transportation	578 00	
	—————	
		\$631 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Sundry expenses	\$46 10	
	—————	
		\$46 10

*\$66.00 was paid in above amount for night school teachers' salaries for night school of last year.

In asking for the following appropriations for the coming year, we have divided the different items under separate heads to conform with the State Board of Education's forms.

General expenses, including superintendent's salary, expenses of school committee and enforcement of the law	\$400 00	
Expenses of instruction, including teachers' salaries, text books and supplies, and night school, also miscellaneous expenses in connection with the schools	5,050 00	
Expenses of operating school plants, including janitors salaries, fuel and miscellaneous expenses in connection with operating school plants	2,000 00	
Maintenance, repairs, &c., of school buildings	400 00	
Auxiliary agencies including health and transportation	600 00	
Miscellaneous expenses (sundries)	50 00	
Contingent fund, asked for to meet unexpected contingencies that may arise during the year	300 00	
Manual training and domestic science	—————	
		\$8,800 00

MRS. WALTER E. SCHUSTER,
CORNELIUS F. McLAREN,

Superintending Committee.

REPORT OF School Committee.

The School Committee submit the following report for the year ending March 1, 1915:

During the summer, Miss May Murphy of Grade V resigned and Miss Edna Dillon of the Bridgewater Normal School was elected to fill the vacancy. During the fall term Miss Dillon resigned to accept a position in Fall River and Miss Mialma Jenckes, a graduate of Wellesley College, was elected to fill the vacancy.

During the fall term Mr. Thomas, principal of the High School resigned. The Committee appointed Miss Alice M. Pierce of Mount Holyoke College to the position of principal, and Miss Almira R. Wallace, of Bates College, as assistant. In South Douglas also we had a vacancy to fill and Miss S. May Butterworth was appointed during the summer to this position.

These few changes have been all that we have had to make, and your Committee feel that the present corps of teachers are deserving of commendation, not only for their loyalty toward the Committee but for their painstaking care and work in connection with the schools.

SUMMER SCHOOL.

During the summer experiment was made of conducting summer work for the school children under supervision.

Through the kindness of the Hon. W. S. Schuster land was placed at the disposal of the School Board for gardening. We obtained the services of Mr. Richard Moore, a practical gardener and offered the boys the privilege of having gardens for the summer. We regret that not more of the boys went in for this work.

William Yongsma deserves honorable mention for his garden. If further interest is manifested and the Committee able to do so we may try this plan another season.

For the girls we secured the services of Miss Etta Johnson who taught them sewing and embroidery. This class was very successful and the girls were very much interested in the work. After school opened in the fall there was an exhibit of the work from both the classes, and awards were made for the work done in both departments.

PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.

This is a work that deserves the support of every parent and tax payer in the town.

One great trouble with the schools of the country has been a lack of mutual understanding between the parents and the teachers and school authorities. Whether we realize it or not, the home plays a very important part in the education of the child. Without the sympathetic influences of home life the boy or the girl has little ambition to acquire an education and whatever occupation the child follows today after leaving school, the more education he has, the better fitted he is to fill the position, and earn promotion. Therefore your Committee cannot urge you too strongly to allow the child to stay in school as long as possible.

We feel that our High School which has done such good work this last year, is deserving of a larger attendance. After careful consideration the course of study has been revised to meet present day conditions. It is not a loss of time on the part of the child, for the more education, the more earning power. It is not the fact that he or she has studied Ceasar or Virgil, or Geometry that gives this added earning power but that for four years they have had to study and think and reason out things for themselves.

In the Parent-teachers Association papers relating to matters educational and instructive are read. Subjects are brought up for discussion, both from the view point of the parent and of the teacher.

The following are the officers of the Asssociation, any one of whom will be glad to give further information regarding the work of the association.

Pres. Mrs. Walter Carpenter, Vice Pres. Mrs. Ralph E. Dudley, Treas. Mrs. Laura H. Pierce, Sec'y. Mrs. Ida Terrill.

REPAIRS, ETC.

The ceilings in the High School Building, especially on the lower floor are in very bad condition. The settling of the building and the constant walking overhead have caused the ceilings to crack and break off leaving a very untidy appearance. These breaks have been patched from time to time, and upon consulting experts we have decided to start in making a permanent repair of the ceilings. A beginning was made in Grade IV room, where a metal ceiling was put up, the room was then painted and new shades furnished. We feel now that we have made a real beginning, and hope to add at least one room each year, thus spreading the cost over several years and at the same time making a permanent improvement.

During the summer the school building in South Douglas was papered and painted inside and supplied with much needed new shades.

At the suggestion of Mrs. Vose, an organ was provided at Douglas Center, which has proved very useful.

We hope this coming year to add electric lights in the halls, cellar and High School rooms, also a telephone. Both of these improvements are now accepted as necessities and not a luxury. We also hope to find a place in the building for an emergency or rest room, where if a child is taken ill, he can have absolute quiet until the physician can reach him and make proper disposition of his case.

In addition to the above there are several repairs, which, thanks to the efficiency of Mr. Johnston, the janitor, have been put off or temporarily fixed for several years past.

During the summer vacation, the High School building was painted which adds greatly to the appearance as well as preserving same.

Necessary repairs are really an economy. We have good school buildings and it is our duty to keep them so. Postponement of necessary repairs simply means increased cost when they are made, and if they are necessary they must come eventually.

HEALTH.

In bringing the matter of health to your notice, we feel that its importance cannot be too much impressed on your minds.

The laws of the state say all children must be either vaccinated or certified as being unfit for vaccination.

We ask you to go a step farther, and safe-guard your neighbors' children as your own.

An epidemic is an awful thing to contemplate and although our school physician, Dr. Clark, and health officer Mr. Francisco Bowen, carefully follow up all reported cases, you, the parents must also contribute your share.

If your child has a sore throat, a fever or a rash, anything in fact that strikes you as important, it is your duty to see to it that the disease will not be communicated to other children.

Before allowing the child to mingle with others, know that he has no contagious disease. We safeguard the children in school to the best of our ability by requiring from them after an absence on account of sickness, a health certificate. Do your share and consult a physician before allowing them out among other children. The small cost of knowing that everything is all right amounts to nothing compared to the frightful cost of lives of an epidemic.

MANUAL TRAINING AND DOMESTIC SCIENCE

These subjects are receiving much attention today in the educational world, and many towns have already demonstrated their practical value. Should it seem wise to introduce such into our schools the coming year, the expense must come heaviest at the outset, in the way of equipment, but once introduced the running expenses will prove a smaller item.

CONCLUSION.

The cost of education is, like all other necessities, going up. Our standards are higher. We are demanding from our teachers, as well as from all other class occupations, efficiency, and efficiency costs money. The standard set by the State Board is higher and employers of labor are demanding more from our graduates, and we must supply these demands or acknowledge that we have not done our duty.

In the past our town has been willing to give to the schools whatever has been asked and undoubtedly will continue to do so in the future.

It is the same in the management of the schools as in any other business enterprise, very hard to foretell at the beginning of the year exactly what expenses will be necessary the coming year. For this reason your committee have asked for an appropriation for contingencies. This contingent fund can be carried over from year to year if not needed and looks far more business-like than the word "overdrawn."

In conclusion your committee wish to express their thanks to our superintendent, teachers and janitors for their support in their different positions.

We call your attention to the reports from the superintendent, High School principal and music supervisor for further details in their respective departments.

MRS. WALTER E. SCHUSTER,
CORNELIUS F. McLAREN,

Superintending Committee

Superintendent's Report.

To the Members of the School Committee of Douglas, Mass.:

I herewith submit my fourth annual report of the public schools of the town of Douglas.

The school year 1913-14 was, perhaps, as successful a year as our schools have ever had. The attendance was good and the interest on the part of the parents, teachers and pupils was highly satisfactory. Several of the schools reported perfect attendance day after day. Truancy has become almost a negligible quantity. The sentiment of the town strongly favors regularity in attendance, and the pupils have assumed this attitude toward school work.

No great amount of sickness has occurred, the town being one of the most healthful in the state. The school buildings are for the most part, well lighted, ventilated and heated. The sanitary conditions in and about the buildings seem to be very nearly perfect.

A proper amount of exercise, both in and out of school on the part of the pupils is advocated by the teachers. Advice concerning care of the teeth and eyes, a proper amount of sleep and rest, nourishing diet and such other suggestions as make for better health on the part of the pupils, is freely given and insisted upon.

The eye and ear tests have been given by the teachers as heretofore, resulting in a slight improvement over past years. Such defects as were detected were recorded and the parents notified with the advice that specialists be consulted with a view to correcting the defects.

The number of changes in the corps of teachers has been few.

PARENT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

A parent-teachers association has been formed with Mrs. L. L. Carpenter as president. Three or more meetings have been held at the High School building. The attendance has been most encouraging and the interest manifested argues well for the ultimate success of the organization. Current matters related to various school activities and interest are discussed, papers and clippings are read and the needs and possibilities of the schools for increased usefulness to the community are carefully considered.

THE MANUAL ARTS.

It has come to be recognized that something of the nature of manual work is a necessity in our schools as constituted to-day. In school systems in which the most careful thought and supervision have been given, statistics compiled and measurements in efficiency are made, it has come to be recognized that manual work both for boys and girls is an economic necessity. Manual work in the schools is no longer a fad or an experiment. It has been so thoroughly tested that almost all the best schools have manual work in some form in its course of study.

The modern home no longer affords an opportunity for the boy or the girl to acquire the much needed training from the father or the mother as formerly. In recent years the drift from rural communities toward the village and the city has become so pronounced, conditions in the home have greatly changed. The vast amount of work needing to be done in and about the rural home does not exist in the village or city home with its few rooms and its scarcity of land and out buildings. The introduction of the Manual Arts into the schools is an attempt to make up in part for the loss sustained by the changed conditions in home life.

The school with its complex equipment of apparatus and courses of study should equip boys and girls for life far more effectively than ever before. The demand for efficient workers was never so strong, or so exacting as to-day. If our school does not meet this demand, there must be an infusion of something unseen, either in method or control, perhaps both.

Our own town, in which most of the people are dependent on the work of their hands, I believe, would profit greatly by the introduction of manual work in the schools. A teacher could doubtless be employed a day or two a week, who could handle successfully the manual work for the boys as well as the domestic science for the girls, together with drawing for all, both freehand and mechanical.

The expense of the equipment would not be great and, I believe the gain in usefulness on the part of the boys and girls educated in our schools would soon become apparent..

I should like to have the town make an appropriation for such a course at the annual town meeting this spring. I believe the returns would fully justify the additional expense incurred in maintaining the schools.

MUSIC.

Music in the schools has been under the supervision of Mrs. A. G. Vose of Woonsocket as formerly. The pupils manifest good interest and are learning to read rapidly and accurately. They are coming to have an appreciation for good music and are making commendable progress. The musical festival given in the spring gave the people an opportunity to see and hear for themselves the nature of the work being done. Another festival will be given in the near future. All who can are advised to attend.

Mrs. Vose's report follows this report.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School under the management of Mr. J. W. Thomas has continued to do creditable work though the attendance is small and great difficulty is experienced in persuading pupils to complete the course. It is unfortunate the school is so small, the number enrolled, about 25 at present, should be twice this number in a town of this size. The course of study pursued has been worked out with the State Board of Education and is approved by this Board, entitling the town to State aid. A class of five was graduated from the school in June, receiving diplomas.

The class to graduate next June numbers only two but the other classes are somewhat larger and it is hoped that the graduating classes in the future may be larger than in the past. The spirit of work in the school has decidedly improved during the past year. The outlook for the future of the school is encouraging.

Near the close of the fall term 1914, Mr. Thomas, the principal, was elected to a position in Connecticut, resigning his position in Douglas. To fill the position made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Thomas, Miss Pierce, the high school assistant, was appointed. Miss Almira R. Wallace, a graduate of Bates College was appointed to the assistant's position made vacant by the promotion of Miss Pierce. Under the new arrangement the school is running very satisfactorily.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

For the past two years Evening School has been held at the town hall.

The compulsory attendance law obliges all between the ages of 16 and 21 to attend evening school who have not completed the equivalent of the work done by the fourth grade, providing an evening school is maintained. The interest has been good and the results satisfactory.

TRAINING AND FUNDAMENTALS.

Training and drill in fundamentals, or the three "R's" is being insisted on throughout the schools. There is a danger in modern education of overlooking the importance of fundamentals where so many subjects all of more or less value, are knocking for admission to the school curriculum. It has been our policy and still is, that nothing making for higher efficiency in education should be overlooked. Business men are demanding that boys and girls entering offices and other places of business shall be fitted for immediate usefulness. It is the business of the school to furnish the training demanded. To be thorough in a few things is deemed better than to be superficial in many.

A system of schools that prepares pupils to read understandingly, to speak clearly, to spell correctly, to write legibly and to perform the fundamental processes of arithmetic accurately and rapidly, is making education a fit preparation for life.

SCHOOL CENSUS.

The following figures are taken from the census of school children in town September 1, 1914.

Children between,			Total
5 and 7	Boys 36	Girls 48	84
7 and 14	Boys 143	Girls 135	278
14 and 16	Boys 33	Girls 35	68
Total number of Boys,	212		
Total number of Girls,	218		
Total Girls and Boys,	430		

ENROLLMENT.

The total enrollment in the schools for the school year exclusive of those who have spent any part of the year in schools out of town was 397 as against 384 for the previous year, a gain of 13.

The average membership for the school year was 370.89 as against 347.35 for the previous year, a gain of 23.54.

The average attendance for the school year was 345.59 as against 327.39, a gain of 18.20.

The percentage of attendance for the year was 93.18 as against 93.12 for the previous year, a gain of .06 of one percent.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation for the kindly interest in school matters manifested throughout the town. During the three and one half years that I have been connected with the schools, not a word of objection has been raised against furnishing such sums of money as have been called for by the school officials. People vote school money freely and willingly where they feel that an equivalent for money expended is being received. It is a satisfaction to be associated with a people who so unmistakably approve of the efforts being made to bring the schools up to the highest point of efficiency. Words of commendation when deserved are appreciated and form a stimulus to intensified effort. Words of censure when given with a view to correcting mistakes and improving school policy are graciously received and carefully considered. What ever makes for real worth in stimulating the schools to become more of a vital factor in promoting better physical, moral and intellectual conditions, is eagerly sought and made use of.

The teachers are conscientious and painstaking in their work and co-operate willingly with school officials in carrying out suggestions and recommendations intended to improve the schools. Under the present corps of teachers and with the feeling of helpful interest in school affairs, on the part of all concerned, the outlook for continued and extended usefulness on the part of the schools is most encouraging.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES M. PENNELL,

Feb. 10, 1915.

Supt. of Schools.

Table A. Douglas School Statistics, September 1913 to June 1914.

SCHOOL	TEACHER	WHERE EDUCATED	Length of school year	Weeks taught	Salary per week	ENROLLMENT	Average Membership	Per cent. of Attendance	Visits of Tardinesses	Visits of Dismissals	Visits of Super.	Visits of all others													
High.....	J. W. Thomas.....	Wesleyan College	40	9-13	0	3	5	6.11	9	16	1	25	23.90	21.80	91.10	158	133	15	9						
E. D. Gr. VIII, IX.	{ Alice M. Pierce....	Mt. Holyoke....	15.00	40	9-13	0	0	15	8	1	16	9	5	25	24.84	23.70	95.40	28	17	23					
E. D. Gr. VI, VII.	{ Mrs. Nora E. Taylor	Lowell Normal....	14.00	38	9-2	0	0	24	27	2	0	26	27	22	24	53	48.	46.67	96.62	62	83	18			
E. D. Gr. V.....	{ Eunice L. Buffington	Douglas High....	14.00	38	9-4	0	0	9	21	0	0	9	21	30	28.62	26.90	94.	52	14	21	55				
E. D. Gr. IV.....	{ Mary F. Murphy....	Worcester Normal....	11.00	36	8-15	0	0	22	22	0	0	22	22	22	22	44	37.52	35.52	94.81	32	44	15	23		
E. D. Gr. III.....	{ H. E. McGregor....	Lowell Normal....	11.00	36	8-13	0	0	18	17	0	0	18	17	18	17	35	34.40	33.05	96.22	21	22	17	26		
E. D. Gr. II.....	{ Edith W. Abbott....	Douglas High....	12.00	36	8-14	0	0	30	16	0	0	30	16	30	16	46	45.53	43.90	96.43	36	15	15	41		
E. D. Gr. I.....	{ Etta H. Johnson....	Douglas High....	12.00	36	8-14	0	0	21	25	0	1	21	26	7	10	47	42.31	38.32	90.57	22	46				
E. D. Gr. I(a).....	{ Margaret Quinn....	Worcester Normal....	5.00	10	2-8	0	0	1	1	0	0	14	12	2	6	26	25.28	22.58	89.30	8	89	9	8		
E. D. Gr. I(b).....	{ Marie Clark, Asst....	Douglas High....	11.00	7	4-15	0	0	11	7	1	0	12	8	11	6	20	19.80	18.00	90.75	35	12	20	42		
E. D. Gr. I(b).....	{ Mrs. F. Blume....	Whitman H. S....	10.00	13	0	0	0	36	8-16	0	0	9	9	8	8	18	15.29	13.90	90.26	4	20	21	40		
Douglas Center....	Gertrude M. Smith	Middleb'y, Vt.H.S.	11.00	36	8-12	0	0	9	9	0	0	9	9	5	8	15	14.26	12.39	86.85	75	44	13	16		
W. Douglas.....	{ Mary H. Kelley....	Douglas High....	10.00	36	8-16	0	0	6	8	0	0	6	9	5	8	15	14.26	12.39	86.85	75	44	13	16		
W. Douglas.....	{ O. A. Sweet....	Douglas High....	9.00	9	8-13	0	0	5	7	1	0	6	7	6	6	13	11.14	8.86	82.70	13	6				
S. Douglas.....	{ M. H. Chapman....	Lowell Normal....	9.00	27	0	0	0	20	7-16	0	0	5	7	1	0	6	6	13	11.14	8.86	82.70	13	6		
S. Douglas.....	{ Mrs. G. S. Moore ..	Grafton H. S....	10.00	12	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
S. Douglas.....	{ M. R. Bond....	Vassar College....	11.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Totals.....	506	122-2	0	0	0	0	174	173	11	13	108	19	153	150	397	370.89	345.59	93.18	511	493	232	357	
Totals Sept. 1912-13:	480	98-15	0	0	0	0	182	177	13	11	189	195	136	130	384	347.35	327.39	93.12	513	438	218	468	

**Table B. Teachers Engaged for School Year
1914-15**

SCHOOL	TEACHERS	WHERE EDUCATED	SALARY
High	Joseph W. Thomas, Prin., Alice M. Pierce, Asst., " "	Wesleyan College, Mt. Holyoke College, as Principal,	\$25 00 15 00 20 00
E. D. Grds. 8-9	Almira R. Wallace, Assist, Mrs. Nora E. Taylor, E. L. Buffington, Edna M. Dillon, E. Mialma Jenckes, Helen E. McGregor, Edith W. Abbott, Etta H. Johnson, Margaret Quinn, Etta Hewett, Asst.,	Bates College, Lowell Normal, Douglas High, Westfield Normal, Wellesley College, Lowell Normal, Douglas High, Worcester Normal, Douglas High, Middlebury, Vt., High,	15 00 14 00 14 00 11 00 11 00 12 00 12 00 12 00 12 00 5 00 11 00
" 6-7		Douglas High,	
" 5		Westfield Normal,	
" "		Wellesley College,	
" 4		Lowell Normal,	
" 3		Douglas High,	
" 2		Douglas High,	
" 1		Worcester Normal,	
Douglas C. Gram.	Gertrude M. Smith,	Douglas High,	10 00
Douglas C. Prim.	Mary H. Kelly,	Douglas High,	10 00
W. Douglas,	Olive A. Sweet,	Douglas High,	10 00
S. Douglas,	May Butterworth,	Pascoag High	9 00

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Douglas High School,	J. W. Thomas	27	27	25.50	94.44	38	22
" Center. 8 & 9	Mrs. N. Taylor	26	26	25.43	97.77	17	1
" " 6 & 7	E. Buffington	51	51	49.68	97.41	12	1
" " 5	E. Dillon	37	37	35.30	95.40	21	3
" " 4	H. E. McGregor	35	34.87	34.45	96.79	7	3
" " 3	E. M. Abbott	42	41.90	40.73	97.21	11	2
" " 2	E. H. Johnson	49	47.38	46.50	98.14	20	4
" " 1	M. Quinn	53	51.50	50.10	97.28		1
" " Gram.	G. M. Smith	23	22.25	21.15	95.05	36	2
" Prim.	M. H. Kelley	21	20.80	20.08	99	29	
W. Douglas	O. A. Sweet	17	16.70	15.20	91.02	19	29
S. "	M. Butterworth	12	11.10	9.10	82		
Douglas Totals,	12 schools	392	387.50	373.22	95.29	210	65

CHARLES. M. PENNELL,

Superintendent of Schools.

Report of the HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.

Mr. Charles M. Pennell, Superintendent of Schools :

Dear Sir :

As I have been principal but two months, I feel that any report I can give will be very unsatisfactory.

This year we have tried to meet the needs of the pupils, as far as this has seemed possible. The following is the daily program :

(a) Algebra, Geometry, Latin IV, Latin I, Physical Geography and Botany, Rev. Math., Chemistry.

(b) Book-keeping, English II, History, French IV, French II, English I.

The subjects in paragraph (a) are under my supervision : those in paragraph (b) are in charge of my assistant, Miss Wallace. Calisthenics is given once a week. We are trying to offer a course that will be practical for pupils who do not expect to continue their studies beyond the High School, and also meet the requirements for college entrance. It would now be possible for a conscientious pupil, after completing our course, to pass the examinations of the College Entrance Examination Board.

The pupils, as a whole, seem to enjoy their work, and the application to their studies is encouraging.

Thirty-seven pupils have been enrolled in the evening school, and the majority of them show a real desire to learn and to make use of the opportunity open to them.

The loyal support and co-operation of the teachers has been most gratifying to me.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE M. PIERCE, Principal.

GRADUATION EXERCISES

of the Douglas High School

SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH EAST DOUGLAS

Friday Evening, June 19, 1914, at 8 o'clock.

PROGRAM

Prelude and March,		Orchestra
Invocation,	Rev. V. H. Deming	School
Chorus—"Praise Ye the Father,"	William Niles Palmer	School
Salutatory Essay—"Electricity,"	Ida Annie Loomis	
Chorus—"High School Bells,"	Aliene McMahon	
Class History,		Orchestra
Solo—"Voices of the Woods,"	Bertha Lyle Cole	
Selection,	Beatrice Lucinda	Whitcomb
Class Prophecy,		Orchestra
Selection,		
Valedictory Essay—"The Mexican Situation,"	Etta Florence Hewett	
Chorus—"With Fife and Drum,"		School
Presentation of Class Gift,		Class President
Presentation of Diplomas,	Supt. Charles M. Pennell	
Selection,		Orchestra
Benediction,	Rev. V. H. Deming	
Postlude,		Orchestra

CLASS OF 1914.

BERTHA LYLE COLE

ETTA FLORENCE HEWETT

IDA ANNIE LOOMIS

WILLIAM NILES PALMER

BEATRICE LUCINDA WHITCOMB

ALUMNI MEDAL SCHOLAR.

WILLIAM NILES PALMER

CLASS MOTTO

"HONESTA QUAM SPLENDIDA"

(Things honest rather than things splendid)

CLASS COLORS—Dark Blue and Gold.

CLASS FLOWER—Mountain Laurel.

Report of SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

Mr. Charles M. Pennell, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:

There is little to report concerning the music in the schools of Douglas.

The teachers carry on the work with the same careful attention as heretofore.

I have made twelve visits since the opening of the year in September.

The rooms at Douglas Center were closed for a time on account of scarlet fever, and during the month of December I gave all the time to the East Douglas schools.

We are preparing for the annual exhibition which is to occur soon, and later on the graduation exercises will claim our attention.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE G. E. VOSE.

610 Park Ave., Woonsocket R. I., Feb. 16, 1915.

